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Pet Travel – EU Non-Commercial

THESE REQUIREMENTS APPLY FOR 5 OR FEWER PET DOGS, CATS, OR FERRETS, TRAVELLING EITHER ACCOMPANIED OR UNACCOMPANIED, NOT MEANT FOR RESALE AFTER ARRIVAL IN THE EU

Download the form needed to get your animal into the country

- Go to <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals>
- Click on the specific EU country. Under “Pets” there should be a link for Pet Dogs, Cats and Ferrets – Health Certificate (Movement of non-commercial animals). If no bilingual form is available, then go back to the main page and click on “E” for the European Union. There is an English version of the certificate that may be used for other countries when a bilingual certificate is not available. Have your veterinarian contact our office for a fillable Word version (English and some bilingual versions available).
- Please see the following link for detailed information on how to complete the form:
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/ee_annot_non_comm_pts.pdf

EU’s Requirements **Sequence: Microchip then rabies**

- **The form must be completed and signed by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian after the animal is examined and the microchip is verified. The accredited veterinarian signs in the block labeled “Official Veterinarian”. It must ALSO be endorsed by the USDA veterinarian (even though there is no location on the new form; we will endorse below the accredited veterinarian’s signature).**
- The non-commercial certificate (Annex II) is only valid for 10 days from the time the accredited veterinarian signs it until entry into the EU.
- Up to 5 pets may be included on one certificate.
- The pet must be microchipped with an ISO compatible microchip (or provide a reader).
- Tattoos are acceptable if they were applied **PRIOR to 3 July 2011**.
- The pet must be vaccinated against rabies. The EU will not recognize any rabies vaccination done prior to the microchip. **This new certificate MAY NOT be issued by the accredited veterinarian until 21 days AFTER the primary vaccination.** A primary rabies vaccine for this purpose is defined as **any** of the following:
 1. 1st rabies vaccination after the microchip was implanted
 2. 1st rabies vaccination after a lapse in coverage (i.e. microchip done in 2000, 1 year rabies done 1/1/11, next rabies done 1/15/12, two weeks after it was due)
 3. 1st rabies vaccination ever
- Rabies vaccination is not required for pet (non-commercial) dogs and cats under 3 months of age. However, authorization is required from the individual EU country; some countries will not allow animals less than 3 months to enter. The exporter must contact the animal health authorities in the country for authorization, and **documentation of authorization MUST be attached to the export certificate.**
- Rabies titers are no longer required for entry into any EU member states for pets originating in the United States.

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Microchip Information

- The pet must be microchipped with an ISO 11784 or ISO 11785 Annex A microchip. ISO-compliant microchips have 15 numeric digits and operate on a 134.2kHz frequency. If you have questions about the type of microchip you have, please have your veterinarian scan your pet and check with the manufacturer to verify ISO compliance.
- **All** microchips scanned at the time of examination should be recorded on the health certificate.
- The microchip number(s) should be recorded on the rabies vaccination certificate(s).

Tapeworm (*Echinococcus*) Treatment

- Tapeworm treatment is required for **dogs only** entering the following countries: United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, and Finland; and for **dogs and cats** entering Norway.
- The tapeworm treatment for all countries must be done more than 1 day but less than 5 days prior to arrival in the EU.
- **The tapeworm treatment MUST be done before the certificate is issued by the accredited veterinarian for all countries except the United Kingdom and Ireland!**
- If the pet is entering the EU via a country that does not require tapeworm treatment, and then will be travelling to another EU country that does require treatment, the treatment done **within the EU** may be recorded on the health certificate AFTER endorsement.

Documents Needed by the USDA's Office

- An original EU health certificate **signed and dated** by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian and by the pet owner (in block II.7). Blue ink is preferred for the signatures.
- A signed Rabies Vaccination certificate with the following information:
 - a. Complete description of the animal (name, breed, sex, age, color, DOB, **microchip number**)
 - b. Date vaccination was given and the date the next vaccination is due.
 - c. Vaccine manufacturer, vaccine lot # and lot expiration date.
 - d. License number of the veterinarian who signed the rabies certificate.
- A rabies vaccination certificate with an **original** signature must accompany the EU health certificate when the pet travels. When a rabies certificate is presented to our office without an original signature, or if it requires corrections, our office will send a copy of the rabies certificate back with the endorsed certificate and the veterinarian must sign it before the pet travels. **If the veterinarian who administered the rabies vaccination is not able to sign the certificate, the veterinarian issuing the health certificate may sign somewhere on the rabies certificate to indicate that it is a “certified” copy.**
- A signed APHIS Form 7001 (**optional - usually required by the airline**). Contact your airline representative to find out if this form is required.